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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM -- AFGHANISTAN

REF: STATE 117451; STATE 136969; STATE 142639; GENEVA 3711

1. EMBOFFS JULY 19 SAW DRAGAN NIKOLIC, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR WESTERN EUROPE, FEDERAL SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN TRADE, WHO IS LONG-STANDING YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS PROBLEMS.

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2. APPROACH REQUESTED STATE 117451 AND 136969 MADE WITH REALIZATION THAT AFGHAN COUP MAY DELAY CONVENING CONFERENCE FOR SOME TIME. NIKOLIC, ACTUALLY WAS RELIEVED OVER DELAY SINCE HE HAD RECEIVED NO BRIEFING MATERIAL FROM GENEVA AND AS HEAD OF YUGOSLAV DELEGATION FACED ARRIVAL AT CONFERENCE UNPREPARED. OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION TO BE DRAWN FROM YUGOSLAV MISSION IN GENEVA.

3. NIKOLIC STATED HIS GOVERNMENT INTERESTED IN COOPERATING WITH INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS IN AFGHANISTAN, BUT SAID WITHOUT INFORMATION ON CONFERENCE AGENDA HE WAS UNABLE TO PIN DOWN SPECIFIC PROJECTS HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER SUPPORTING AND ANY COMMITMENTS ON CONTRIBUTIONS. INDEED, HE EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS BEING UNCLEAR WHETHER PROJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE WOULD BE PAID OUT OF EXISTING UNFAC FUND OR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE FOR THOSE SPECIFIC PURPOSES. (HE IMPLIED PREFERENCE FOR AVOIDING NEW ASSESSMENTS). THERE WAS ALSO A QUESTION ABOUT MEMBER OF YEARS PROJECTS BEING PLANNED WOULD RUN.

4. NIKOLIC HAS BEEN USEFUL AND COOPERATIVE CONTACT WITH KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN NARCOTICS FIELD, GOING BACK TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS. HIS EFFECTIVENESS IS APPARENTLY BEING HAMPERED, HOWEVER, BY FAILURE TO GET NECESSARY BACK-STOPPING, AT LEAST FOR THIS CONFERENCE, IN FUTURE, MISSION MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SENDING ANY ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ON CONFERENCE TO US FOR PASSING TO NIKOLIC. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE EMBASSY INFORMATION ABOUT SOURCE OF PAYMENT FOR PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION AND THEIR TERM OF OPERATION FOR US TO PASS TO NIKOLIC.

5. ALSO, BEFORE MAKING APPROACH REQUESTED STATE 142639, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON ANY YUGOSLAV CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFADAC. NIKOLIC REFERRED BY IMPLICATION TO SUCH, BUT YUGOSLAVIA NOT IN LISTS OF CONTRIBUTORS IN STATE A-5157 AND A-2219.
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